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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Kelly R. Brown, et al.

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For : **IMPLANTABLE BIODEGRADABLE DEVICES FOR MUSCULOSKELETAL REPAIR
OR REGENERATION**

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 26, 2004 for three(3) month(s) from February 26, 2005 to May 26, 2005. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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